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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

1. AL-SAHAFI ARABIC DAILY PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY
DR. AHMED ABDEL RAHMAN UNDER LEAD: "U.S. POLICY
IN MIDDLE EAST". DR. ABDEL RAHMAN SAID, "DR. KISSINGER
DELIVERED OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT ABOUT REACHING FAIR
SETTLEMENT IN AREA. IT IS LOGICAL THAT HE SHOULD
GIVE SUCH STATEMENT, BECAUSE HE CANNOT PASS NEGATIVE
JUDGEMENT ON HIS MISSION IN ITS PRELIMINARY STAGES,
REGARDLESS OF OBSTACLES AND DIFFICULTIES."

2. WRITER WENT ON SAYING, "THE U.S. POLICY CONCERNING
M.E. HAS NOT CHANGED IN ITS ESSENCE. BUT THOSE
WHO HAVE CHANGED ARE NON-AMERICANS. FOR 26 YEARS,
AMERICANS HAVE TRIED TO CONVINCED ARABS THERE IS SPECIAL U.S.-ISRAEL
RELATIONSHIP WHICH DOES NOT
CONFLICT WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL ARAB-U.S.
RELATIONS. BUT ARABS ALWAYS REJECTED THIS. AFTER
OCTOBER WAR, SOME ARAB POLITICIANS ANNOUNCED THEY
RECOGNIZED SUCH SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. CONSEQUENTLY,
IT IS NOT LOGICAL TO OPPOSE U.S. FINANCIAL OR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE OF ANY SIZE OR KIND TO ISRAEL."

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3. DR. ABDEL RAHMAN CONTINUED, "THE ISRAELI
AND AMERICANS AGREE NOT TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN
RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AMERICANS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR
DESIRE TO OPPOSE THIS REPRESENTATION IN U.S. CONSEQUENTLY, AMERICANS WILL NOT GIVE THEIR CONSENT
FOR PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO TAKE
PART IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. EGYPT AND SOVIET
UNION WANT TO HOLD GENEVA CONFERENCE SOON, BUT
ISRAEL AND U.S. ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. THERE IS
NEW ISRAELI TUNE WHICH IS TO END BELLIGERENCY, IF
ANY NEW ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES IS TO TAKE PLACE. AN ARAB LEADER
SAID CHANGE IN SITUATION WHICH HAS LASTED 26 YEARS
WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REALIZE OVER NIGHT. IN SPITE
OF KISSINGER'S OPTIMISM, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN
M.E. IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, BECAUSE ZIONIST
AMBITIONS WILL NEVER COME TO AN END."

4. CONCLUDING, WRITER SAID, "ARABS MUST BE READY
TO FIGHT BECAUSE ISRAELIS TALK NOW ABOUT PROTECTIVE
WAR. THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY LANGUAGE OTHER
THAN LANGUAGE OF WEAPONS AND WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN
BY FORCE CANNOT BE RESTORED UNLESS FORCE IS USED
TO GET IT BACK."
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